



A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. - The Second Amendment

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AMERICAN'S WIN ROUND ONE

On December 11, 1996 we issued an alert notifying Americans to a threat posed by the Bureau of Land Management. The BLM had posted newly proposed rules and regulations which would have greatly enhanced their law enforcement powers.

The **UNAmerican Activities Investigation Commission** immediately issued a standard petition form demanding that the BLM withdraw their proposed rules from the Federal Registry. This petition went out to hundreds of Americans nationwide and dozens of networks. In the January 1997 issue of **Taking Aim** we published a full report and the UAIC petition in its entirety for easy duplication. The result? Thousands upon thousands of signatures were collected. Dozens of Congressmen were alerted who then requested the BLM to extend the time on the comment period.

The comment period was extended twice. From January 7 to March 7. The following is a press release from Secretary of the Interior Babbitt directing the BLM to halt its action and go back to the drawing board.

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Secretary Babbitt Directs BLM to Halt Action, Go Back to the Drawing Board With Law Enforcement Regulations

*This action does not diminish
the legal authority of BLM
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officers on public lands*

Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt announced today that he has directed the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to halt further actions on a proposal to consolidate law enforcement regulations.

Babbitt's decision announced today comes on the heels of the second 30-day extended comment period, which expired March 7, 1997. The process was first initiated November 7, 1996, when BLM published a notification in the Federal Register announcing the proposal to consolidate existing regulations that inform the public regarding lawful conduct on public lands.

"My decision to stop further action on this proposal is based on the confusion and misinformation about how these regulations would affect BLM's law enforcement responsibilities under existing law, as demonstrated by the many public comments received," said Babbitt.

"This action does not diminish

the legal authority of BLM law enforcement officers on public land. But it is very clear that we have not done a good job of clarifying regulations and communicating BLM's legal authority under existing federal statutes to protect health, safety and environmental resources on America's public lands.

"I've been contacted personally by Idaho Governor Phil Batt and several members of Congress, who have expressed the concerns of many," Babbitt said.

The rule proposed by BLM attempted to revise, consolidate and rewrite most of its law enforcement regulations, in an effort to help the public understand the actions BLM law enforcement officers may take to implement its existing law enforcement authority.

"We hear the users of the public lands and we will do all we can to help them understand the legal authority of BLM under existing federal statutes," said Sylvia Baca, acting director of the Bureau of Land Management. "BLM will go back to the drawing board, and any future attempt to improve existing regulations and make them more understandable by public lands users will include better public education efforts to explain the BLM law enforcement program."

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This will not be the last we

hear on this issue from the BLM or the Department of Interior. We will have to remain observant and vigilant in our quest to remain a free nation.

Clinton Does Not Deny World Government

In a press conference on Friday, March 7 during a question and answer session President Bill Clinton was asked some strange questions. Here is the question/answer session verbatim.

Q. Mr. President?

A. Let's take one from Sarah [McClendon], and then I've got to take one from Jill Dougherty because she's about to go to Moscow and she needs to have her parting shot. Go ahead.

Q. This is on another subject. We have a very great problem in this country today, and I would wish you'd - I wonder if you will use your leadership to counteract the rumors, the rumor mongers that are abroad in the land who are who are spreading all these rumors and scaring people to death. Large segments of our Citizens believe that the United Nations is taking whole blocks of counties in Kentucky and Tennessee.

A. Yeah.

Q. And some of them, they believe that

A. Now ya'll are laughing but -

Q. we are - concentration camps and you're giving away our Army to Russia and all that baloney. Can you do something about this, because it's hurting the unity of the United States.

A. I don't know, because the people who believe that think that

I'm the problem. But - we're all laughing about it - but there is a not insubstantial number of people who believe that there is a plan out there for world domination and I'm trying to give American Sovereignty over to the U.N.

There was a - I read in - our local Arkansas newspaper - one of them, the other day, a letter to the editor saying there I go again. I'm - there's Clinton out there trying to give our American Sovereignty over to the United Nations. Let me just say this: for those that are worried about it, I would say there's a serious issue here that every American has to come to grips with, including Americans that don't much think about foreign policy until some great problem occurs, and that is:

HOW CAN WE BE AN INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN NATION LEADING THE WORLD IN A WORLD THAT IS INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT - THAT REQUIRES US TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER PEOPLE AND THEN TO DEAL WITH VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES IN TRYING TO DETERMINE HOW BEST TO COOPERATE.

That's the issue you will all be reporting on for the next week is the Mexican certification issue. Did I do the right thing to certify Mexico? Or, are the members of Congress who disagree with me right when they say we should have decertified Mexico and then given a national interest waiver so we could continue to cooperate economically and in other ways? I strongly believe I was right, but - you know - if you want to go into that, we can later, but the issue is WE LIVE IN AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD.

We have to cooperate with people. We're better off when we

do. We're better off with NATO, we're better off with the United Nations. We're better off when these countries can work together. So I just think, for folks that are worried about this OUT IN THE COUNTRY, they need to be thinking about how - we're not going to give up our freedom, our independence."

Now Bill Clinton just spoke out of both sides of his mouth. First he says, "*HOW CAN WE BE AN INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN NATION LEADING THE WORLD IN A WORLD THAT IS INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT...*" Then he says, "*we're not going to give up our freedom, our independence.*"

So which is it? Well let's take a look at what he has said and what he has done.

Clinton Administration Position On The Second Amendment

The Department of Justice under the direction of the Clinton Administration has just released it's position on the Second Amendment. The position itself is taken directly from the latest Supreme Court rulings.

Ronnie L. Edelman, Principle Deputy Chief of the Terrorism and Violent Crime Section of the DOJ Criminal Division had this to say in the administration position paper:

"The Second Amendment, whether in regard to handguns or all guns, is a matter of growing scholarly debate. The current state of federal law does not recognize that the Second Amendment protects the rights of private citizens to possess firearms of any type. Instead, the Second Amendment is deemed to be a collective right belonging to the state, not to

an individual. Accordingly, the Second Amendment is interpreted by this administration as prohibiting the federal government from preventing a state government from forming or having a state-recognized militia force. With this understanding in mind, the source of a citizen's authority to possess a handgun has never been particularly identified in American law. Since the beginning of the creation of various gun control laws, beginning in 1934, no administration has sought to clarify this ambiguity."

This position comes from a 1996 US Circuit Court of Appeals in *Hickman v. Block*; located at 8 F.3d 98 (1996). This case originated out of Los Angeles, California.

Benedict D. LaRosa, a journalist for *Alternative Politics* published an article revealing the government's true intent behind gun control. LaRosa writes that in Appendix G of the Treasury Department's investigation of the conduct of the ATF concerning the Branch Davidian Massacre the ATF was simply enforcing contemporary gun control laws. The report states:

In a larger sense, however, the raid fit [sic] within an historic, well-established and well-defended government interest in prohibiting and breaking up all organized groups that sought to arm or fortify themselves. . . . From its earliest formation, the federal government has actively suppressed any effort by disgruntled or rebellious citizens to coalesce into an armed group, however small the group, petty its complaint, or grandiose its ambition.

LaRosa continues, "Appendix G relates how the experience of Shay's Rebellion (1786-87), the

Whiskey Rebellion (1794), Fries Rebellion (1799), the fugitive slave rescues of the 1850s, John Brown's raid on the Harper's Ferry federal arsenal (1859), the Civil War, Southern resistance to Reconstruction, the Pullman Strike (1894), etc. created an intolerance to organized, armed groups on the part of the federal government. This paranoia led Congress to pass the National Firearms Act of 1934, not 'to curb the gangsters' ability to arm themselves' with automatic weapons and sawed-off shotguns as advertised, but 'to discourage ownership of such weapons without outlawing them.' It admits that 'no self-respecting gangster would want to register, much less pay the tax, on his Tommygun.' It goes on to say:

'The passage of the National Firearms Act of 1934, the first federal effort to control ownership of firearms, grew out of this historic fear of armed organizations. . . . In recent times, the federal government has shown itself even less patient with armed groups. . . . As both history and recent events clearly show, the United States has never tolerated armed groups residing within its borders. The intent of the particular organization, whether ideological or criminal, mattered little. . . . ATF's enforcement focus retains the flavor of that historic concern with armed organizations.'

Now we understand why the federal government is constantly trying to disarm, breakup and even entrap militia organizations.

Bill Clinton's Position on Individual Freedoms

On March 3, 1994 Bill Clinton appeared on MTV's *Enough is Enough* program declaring his position on the Constitution and

individual freedoms. Clinton stated:

When we got organized as a country and we wrote a fairly radical Constitution with a radical Bill of Rights, giving a radical amount of individual freedom to America. . .

And so a lot of people say there's too much personal freedom. When personal freedom's being abused, you have to move to limit it. That's what we did in the announcement I made last weekend on the public housing projects, about how we're going to have weapon sweeps and more things like that to try to make people safer in their communities.

As if to drive his position home on individual freedoms Clinton stated on March 11, 1993 (only 8 days later) in *USA Today* on page 2A that "We can't be so fixated on our desire to preserve the rights of ordinary Americans...."

Dr. James W. Wardner, in his newly released book *Unholy Alliances* (see ad on page 16) on pages 31 and 32 printed portions of Joseph Stalin's plan to help the United States self-destruct.

Under the political steps Wardner writes about Stalin's plan:

*Set up the ideal of thinking "internationally" so as to undermine national patriotism; **weaken all government departments by corruption.** Attack all political parties and create suspicion and distrust upon any and all occasions. Amplify facts by fiction and create startling exposures. **Ridicule all patriotic effort and undermine all preparations for defense;** carry out our set policy for world revolution outlined in Rykoff's position.*

On page 32 Wardner states

that Rykoff's position was printed in *Pravda* stating, "It is our duty to inculcate in the minds of all nations the theory of international friendship, pacifism (peace) and disarmament, encouraging resistance to military appropriations and training at the same time, however, never for one moment

relaxing our efforts in the up-building of our own military establishment."

Now we can understand the real Bill Clinton. When he says that we will not give up our freedoms or independence while we cooperate and participate in an

"interdependent world" we know that he is a liar. All of his actions and all of his statements show him for who he is -- a communist. He has been and always will be a part of their plan in "helping" America self-destruct!

WASHINGTON STATE MILITIA: MISTRIAL ON CONSPIRACY

After one week of deliberations federal judge Coughenour declared a mistrial March 7 on conspiracy charges against four Washington militia members and three Seattle based Freemen. The federal government has been attempting to obtain conspiracy convictions in its ongoing efforts to stop all militia activity. This is a definite set-back for the justice department.

However, four of the seven were convicted of firearm and explosive related charges. Trial results are:

John Pitner: 45, of Deming, founder and director of the Washington State Militia.

- * Conspiracy charge -- mistrial
- * Possession and transfer of a machine gun -- guilty.

Frederick Fisher: 61, owner of a Bellingham masonry business and the militia's former assistant director.

- * Conspiracy charge -- mistrial.

Gary Kuehnoel: 48, a Bellingham gunsmith and militia member who was charged with converting two assault rifles into automatic weapons. Was also Pitner's third in command.

- * Conspiracy charge -- mistrial
- * 3 counts, possession and transfer of a machine gun -- mistrial.
- * Possession of a machine gun -- guilty.
- * 3 counts, possession of an un-

registered firearm -- acquitted.

Marlin Mack: 24, of Bellingham, a laborer for Fisher's masonry business who was charged with teaching militia members how to make pipe bombs and build a variety of explosives.

- * Conspiracy charge -- mistrial.
- * 7 counts, possession of an unregistered destructive device -- guilty.

Tracy Brown: 55, a Seattle member of the Freemen, who is an advocate of the common law and who used several aliases to keep the government from keeping tabs on him.

- * Conspiracy charge -- mistrial

Brown was most commonly known as William Smith. He was immediately re-arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant for the state of Alaska. He is now being held for extradition to that state.

John Kirk: 56, of Tukwila, retired, a member of the Freemen.

- * Conspiracy charge -- mistrial.
- * Possession of an unregistered destructive device -- mistrial.
- * Possession of an unregistered destructive device -- guilty.

Judy Kirk: 54, a mother of three and grandmother of seven, married to John Kirk, and a Freemen sympathizer.

- * Conspiracy charge -- mistrial
- * Possession of unregistered destructive device -- mistrial.

The most interesting aspect of the case was how the conspiracy charges ended up in a mistrial. One lone juror said no, not all of these individuals were involved in a conspiracy. This juror complained to the judge that the forewoman of the jury had been shouting and in the Defense attorney's words, "threatened this man."

The rest of the jurors had also requested that this independent juror be removed from the panel. The judge said no.

This one individual knew more about the constitution and jury rights than the other eleven. Why? Because he had just been naturalized. That's right, this individual had just become a citizen and knew more than those who were born here. What does that tell us about the American population? Extremely dumbed down.

The prosecution is now weighing the possibilities of retrying the militia members and freemen's followers on the conspiracy charges.

This case is but another example of the governments attempts to enforce gun control laws. Suppressing any organization which attempts to arm itself.

We will notify you of the sentences those convicted receive when the sentencing hearings are concluded.

JUROR CONVICTED FOR NOT RULING "GUILTY" IN CRIMINAL TRIAL

by Colorado Jury Rights Project, c/o Box 729, Nederland, CO 80466

In a case that threatens to destroy trial by jury, former juror Laura Kriho was convicted of contempt of court for failing to volunteer information about her political beliefs and knowledge during jury selection. Kriho is the first victim of a new crime -- failure to volunteer answers to questions that weren't asked of her during jury selection.

Kriho is a resident of Gilpin County, which, along with Jefferson County, comprises Colorado's First Judicial District. Kriho was summoned for jury duty in May of 1996.

Jury Selection

The case to be heard was of a nineteen-year-old woman charged with three crimes. The most serious was felony possession of methamphetamine. The voir dire (jury selection) process took almost four hours. While Kriho was in the audience, other jurors in the jury box were asked over 350 different questions. Kriho was one of the last jurors called to the jury box. She was asked few specific questions. One general one was, "You listened to all of our topics; would you have answered anything differently?"

The first time Kriho was asked this by the judge, she volunteered information about a recent civil court experience. Later asked the same question by the prosecutor, Kriho, bored by this apparently meaningless question, replied no, imitating replies from several previous jurors. She was selected to serve on the jury and listened to two days of testimony.

Jury Deliberations

During jury deliberations, the jury reached verdicts of guilty and

not guilty on the less serious charges. However, it proved difficult to reach a verdict on the possession charge. Kriho was the only juror who didn't want to convict the defendant; she said she had reasonable doubts. Kriho argued the prosecution hadn't proved the defendant knew she had possessed the methamphetamine (knowing possession is a required element of the law). The defendant had said someone else had put it in her purse without her knowledge.

Kriho and the other jurors discussed the evidence extensively, but no one was persuaded to the other's side.

The deliberations became very heated. Kriho became the focus of verbal attacks and ridicule from the other jurors. She tried to defend her vote, but became frustrated and upset.

In the heat of the deliberations, Kriho cried out that the defendant could receive several years in jail if the jury convicted her. Kriho also spoke about the doctrine of jury nullification and the historic right of jurors to vote according to their conscience. In addition, Kriho stated that it was a shame drug possession cases couldn't be handled by the family and community, rather than the courts.

These statements, and Kriho's refusal to change her vote, angered another juror so much that, without the knowledge of other jurors, he sent a note describing these statements to presiding Judge Kenneth Barnhill. Based only on this anonymous note, Judge Barnhill became furious and declared a mistrial.

The Investigation of Laura Kriho

The judge and prosecutor James Stanley were so enraged at losing a conviction that the DA had his investigator inquire who the hold-out juror was. Detectives investigated Kriho and discovered that she had received a deferred judgment on the charge of possession of LSD in 1985. After Kriho completed two years of probation, the charge was supposed to be wiped from her record. Kriho believed that it had been. The D.A.'s office also discovered that Kriho was an organizer for the Colorado Hemp Initiative Project, a group trying to reform cannabis and hemp laws in Colorado.

Retaliation Against a Juror

Kriho was charged with contempt of court in August of 1996, becoming the first juror in over 300 years to be prosecuted for "improper deliberations."

The Trial of Laura Kriho

Kriho was represented by attorney Paul Grant. Her case was heard by former prosecutor and First Judicial District Chief Judge Henry Nieto, who assigned himself to the case after Judge Barnhill honored a defense request to recuse himself.

In pre-trial rulings, Judge Nieto denied Grant's request for a continuance of the trial date to raise money for defense experts and to raise constitutional issues by motion. Nieto said it was a "simple" case and the defense should be ready. Judge Nieto also denied a motion to disqualify Stanley as the prosecutor. Nieto denied the defense the right to call either Stanley or Judge

Barnhill as witnesses.

In addition, Judge Nieto denied Kriho a jury trial. A Colorado defendant is only entitled to a jury trial in a contempt case if the sentence might include more than six months in jail. Since Stanley agreed not to seek more than six months, Judge Nieto denied a jury trial.

Kriho was tried on October 1 and 2, 1996, only six weeks after her arraignment. Her trial was attended by over 100 people and was covered by local and national media. Nine other jurors testified about how they deliberated in the jury room. All remembered that Kriho had discussed the evidence in the case as well as made remarks about jury rights and the drug laws.

At the end of the trial, in a surprise decision, Judge Nieto said he needed legal briefs from both attorneys explaining the applicable law. The briefs were filed on October 9. Normally, a decision could be expected within a few weeks.

However, it appeared that this was no longer a "simple" case for Judge Nieto. He deliberated on the case for over four months!

On February 10, 1997, Judge Nieto finally issued a nine-page ruling in which he cleared Kriho of two aspects of the contempt charge, but convicted her of contempt of court for "obstructing the administration of justice."

Judge Nieto's Ruling

Kriho was charged with contempt of court for three reasons:

(1) Disobedience to an order of the court.

Judge Nieto ruled that jury instructions (i.e., not to discuss sentences) were -not- court orders. However, he stated that a judge's admonitions to the jury on how to behave (i.e., don't discuss the case or do outside research) -

were- court orders. But since the prosecutor never introduced transcripts containing the judge's admonitions into evidence, Judge Nieto ruled in favor of Kriho.

(2) Committing perjury by lying under oath.

Judge Nieto ruled in favor of Kriho, stating that there are specific conditions which have to be met in order for perjury to constitute contempt of court. These specific conditions were not met in this case.

(3) Obstructing the administration of justice.

This aspect of the contempt charge was always the most ill-defined of the three. At Kriho's trial defense attorney Grant asked several times for the judge or prosecutor to clarify what action or statement of Kriho's constituted "obstructing the administration of justice." No answer was given before or during her trial.

However, it was this aspect of the contempt charge that Kriho was convicted of violating.

Judge Nieto ruled that Kriho, during jury selection, deliberately withheld her attitudes about certain drug laws, her involvement in hemp legalization activities, and her knowledge of a juror's power to determine questions of law as well as fact.

By failing to volunteer this information, Kriho "obstructed the process of selecting a fair and impartial jury."

Judge Nieto writes, "The selection of jurors who have open minds and who have not preconceived the verdict is essential for a fair trial. Ms. Kriho's lack of candor about her experiences and attitudes led to the selection of a jury doomed to mistrial from the start."

The Facts of the Case

All the voir dire questions quoted in Judge Nieto's ruling

were made well before Kriho was called to the jury box, while she was still sitting in the audience. Kriho never lied to the court or was deceptive in any of her answers. Kriho was convicted of failing to volunteer answers to questions the prosecutor later wished he would have asked.

In his ruling, Judge Nieto stated that Kriho was being convicted for her behavior during jury selection, not jury deliberations. However, the contempt citation quoted many statements Kriho made in the jury room. To many, this seems to be a malicious prosecution by an angry prosecutor who got sloppy during jury selection.

Clearly, had Kriho voted guilty, she would never have been investigated and prosecuted.

Kriho's Penalty

"This ruling creates a new legal duty in which a juror is obliged to volunteer confessions of any beliefs or experiences they have any thought the court might want to know," says Paul Grant, Kriho's attorney. "The court is trying to intimidate anyone with an independent mind. We should all be very concerned about this case," he adds.

The ruling is seen as an unprecedented assault on jury rights and the independence of juries from judges. It has national ramifications for potential jurors and for defendants and plaintiffs seeking a fair and impartial jury. Jurors will be risking prosecution if, during deliberations, they reveal an opinion a judge or prosecutor might have wanted "volunteered" during jury selection. Jurors will understandably now be reluctant to deliberate freely and will fear to vote against the majority lest they be investigated and prosecuted later. A fair trial is impossible if jurors are serving under such intimidation.

Until this ruling is overturned, the Colorado Legal Eagles, a local legal advocacy group is advising jurors to ask for court-appointed counsel to represent them throughout jury selection.

What You Can Do:

(1) Donate to Laura's legal defense fund to help her pay to appeal her conviction. If this ruling is allowed to stand, your right to a fair and impartial jury will be destroyed. The ruling signifies a bold step by the courts to return to Medieval times when jurors were often punished for improper verdicts and disregarding instructions of the court.

(Contributions are not tax deductible. Unused funds, if any, will be used to advocate jury rights, or returned if requested in the comment box on your check or money order.)

Laura Kriho Legal Defense Fund
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2) Copy and distribute this letter.

3) Contact the following officials. Tell them you are concerned about the conviction of Laura Kriho and the threat it poses to other jurors. Send copies of your letters to the Jury Rights Project (address at top of article).

Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline

1301 Pennsylvania St. #260
Denver, CO 80203
303-837-3601

File a letter of complaint against Judge Henry Nieto and his unprecedented conviction of Kriho. Send a copy to:

Honorable Henry Nieto

1st Judicial District
Jefferson County Justice Center
100 Jefferson County Parkway
Golden, CO 80401

(Caution: any perceived or implied threats against any person or property can be prosecuted.)

Governor Roy Romer

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Dave Thomas, District Attorney

1st Judicial District
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(Also ask him to stop prosecuting jurors.)

Colorado State Legislators

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Mailing address: same as Governor Romer's. Also ask your local representatives and senators to sponsor legislation to limit judicial contempt powers against jurors.

Avoiding Dangerous Foods

We have been requested to reprint the following article from the editor's of *C.I.A. Newsletter*. This newsletter is written by the Christian Information Associates, P.O. Box 940335, Maitland, FL 32794. Fax: 407-260-6391

You bit into what you perceived to be a carefully prepared, lovingly seasoned, perfectly cooked potato dish tonight during your evening meal. You assumed the food to be safe. You had no idea that the bio-tech industry had used a radical new technology to artificially mutate the DNA in your potatoes. The genetically altered potatoes were sold unlabeled, as if they were normal, natural potatoes. In this month's newsletter, you will learn about genetically engineered food and the fictional Dr. Frankenfood, about how the bio-tech industry has done exactly the same things that Dr. Frankenfood would have done. You will learn about the

immediate dangers of genetically engineered foods, and why the bio-tech industries are now releasing untested genetically engineered foods on the world population. You will also learn how to shop to avoid these foods, and finally, how we can look forward to the following years of tribulation.

Let's imagine that the fictional Dr. Frankenstein had a modern day descendent, the evil Dr. Frankenfood. For those people in various parts of the world who do not know the horror story, Dr. Frankenstein created a monster using electricity and various dead body parts. The evil Dr. Frankenfood, like his famous forefather, might also want to do bizarre

technical research. But let us imagine that Dr. Frankenfood has a great personal fondness for the food industry. Let us imagine Dr. Frankenfood's mad experimentation. Being in the food industry, and following in his ancestor's recombinant footsteps, he might want to make strange, bizarre food products combining vastly different species. He might combine species that could never exist in nature. If he did so, let us imagine what he would do. He would go deep with electron microscopes and sever nature's potato DNA, for example. He would cut the DNA, the precious twirling genetic nucleotide staircase guiding nature's potato with

complete instructions of how to build itself according to God's law and plan and how to interact in any environment millions of generations hence. He would cut the genetic code formed through millions of years of reproductive natural evolution, natural selection, and reproductive crossbreeding and hybridization.

With a radical experimental technology utilizing a new instrument known as a gene gun, Dr. Frankenfood would replace natural selection with his own unnatural personal selection. He would create a Frankenfood potato by splicing wax moth insect DNA and the DNA of genetically engineered bacterium onto the severed natural potato DNA. He would also use his gene gun to dice and splice the DNA of fish with tomato, pig with human, bacteria with soy, virus with corn.

What if Dr. Frankenfood was also in charge of the USDA (the United States Department of Agriculture), the FDA (the Food and Drug Administration); and what if he was also in charge of giant multi-national chemical companies such as Monsanto, DuPont, Calgene, and Ciba-Geigy that have become major players in the new bio-tech global food business? He would then have access to immense capital resources for his strange experimentation. He would wield nearly limitless power, and he could learn how to manipulate the rest of the government, the laws and even the courts with his influence. He would give grant money to labs in the USDA and to university labs and technicians all over the world. He would have universities, the USDA and the FDA under his control. They would carry out his recombination experiments with the DNA of different species as he directed, and then he would feed these experimental

foods to the population unlabeled and without testing. He would stealthfully export his mad experimental products to other countries, and if they refused his products, Dr. Frankenfood would use his money, power, influence, and connections to threaten them with trade war.

Of course Monsanto, DuPont, Calgene, Ciba-Geigy, the bio-tech corporations, the USDA, and the FDA cannot really be this bad. They are doing their best to do their jobs. Dr. Frankenfood is a mere dramatization. But the bio-tech companies, the USDA, the FDA and all of their hardworking food technicians are doing the exact same things that the evil Dr. Frankenfood would do if he was in charge. The multi-national bio-tech companies, the USDA and FDA, although well-meaning, operate based on short-range vision and greed. As scientific technicians, they appear to have minimal ability to see long-range consequences. The bio-tech industry and the USDA recombine the DNA of vastly different species. The bio-tech industry lobbies for regulatory loopholes that allow them to rush their experimental foods to market. Due to large PAC money payments (legalized bribes), good-ole-boy networks, and continuing conflicts of interest between the USDA, FDA and multi-national bio-tech companies, the U.S. and many other governments have encouraged and approved these synthetic foods. The bio-tech industries sell these products untested and unlabeled. And finally, the U.S. government representatives threaten with trade war if countries do not accept their mutant foods.

We as global consumers have the right to know what we are eating. We have the right to decide whether we want to eat these foods. We have the right to decide

whether our children should eat these foods.

Wherever you may live in the world, food markets sell these unlabeled and untested Frankenfoods. Beginning back in 1994, the bio-tech industry began to sell genetically engineered tomatoes and milk laced with genetically engineered bovine growth hormone (rBGH). Now in 1997, these companies want to quickly earn back their accelerating research costs, and rush approximately 30,000 untested new genetically engineered food products to market.

SPECIFICALLY WHAT ARE THE DANGERS?

Genetically altered supplements and foods have already caused debilitating allergies, permanent crippling, and deaths simply because consumers were unaware. Thirty-seven people died and 1500 people were permanently disabled from toxic and deadly bacteria created during the production of genetically engineered tryptophan. Severe allergies resulted from the introduction of mutated genetically engineered soy combining DNA from brazil nuts. One can predict that more deaths and negative side effects will continue to emerge. Without clear labeling, health problems cannot be avoided or properly traced back to their source.

Genetic damages to the environment and ecosystem can never be cleaned up, reversed, or recalled. Once released, once the microorganisms, plants, and living beings in the food chain and ecosystem become polluted with these mutant foods, destruction of health and virulent, irreversible, permanent, and incomprehensible living mutations will spiral wildly into the future. Genetic pollution becomes immediately locked-in and self-sustaining -- hosted in the

very DNA of living organisms. This contrasts, for example with the threats of hazardous nuclear waste and the potential destruction of nuclear war, which, although devastating, can be eventually reversed and cleaned up with the passage of time.

WHY ARE THEY DOING THIS?

Widespread sales of genetically altered foods increase the profitability of the bio-tech industry. The bio-tech industry wants to quickly recoup their billions of dollars in accumulated genetic research and investment costs. Their strategy involves rushing genetically-altered Frankenfoods to market en masse as quickly as possible.

The USDA, FDA and their wealthy supporters, the bio-tech companies, claim that they intend to solve problems of world hunger. But careful scrutiny shows their true motives. Primarily, the U.S. government intends to ensure the continuing success and prosperity of their wealthy supporters, the bio-tech industry, and secondly the bio-tech industry intends to dominate the global food markets with their experimental products. We appreciate that governments want to support major businesses and industries. We also understand that big business wants to make money. However, in pursuing these goals, the USDA, FDA, and bio-tech companies have chosen to disregard the long-range effects of these products on human life.

The bio-tech industries have altered foods for the following specific traits: to increase profits by artificially increasing product shelf life; to increase profits by increasing the compatibility of plants with the bio-tech industry's own chemicals and herbicides; and to increase profits by creating seeds that cost more but save pro-

ducers money because the vegetables or plants create their own herbicide internally.

While taking these actions for immediate short-term profits, the bio-tech food industry claims that their work represents the cutting edge of science. It is the Luciferian corruption of science at its best. It is the advent of the new age of woes for mankind.

True science and fraudulent science

If Dr. Frankenfood was in charge, his diabolical scheme would not be true science, because he would never bother to safety-test his experimental foods before putting them on our family's plates and serving them up to the world community. True science uses the "Scientific Method." The Scientific Method involves alternating between theory and observation, checking theory to see if it matches past observations and can correctly predict new observations. The checking comes in the form of experience, in other words: experimentation. New technology should not be applied directly to human life until it has proven itself beyond doubt through the test of time to be safe, useful, beneficial. True science does not make the human race into experimental animals, into guinea pigs. Again, we look and see that the bio-tech industry does exactly what Dr. Frankenfood would have done marketing these foods to the world population untested and unlabeled.

We know Dr. Frankenfood's history as a descendent of Dr. Frankenstein. Let us also look at the past, at the track record of one of the major bio-tech companies, Monsanto. A look at the past may give some indication of what we can expect from them now and in the future.

Monsanto created Agent Or-

ange, a defoliant tainted with dioxin that killed people. They own and market Aspartame, the artificial chemical sweetener marketed as Nutra-Sweet, widely known as a health risk yet pushed through the regulatory loopholes as a food additive instead of a drug. In recent years Monsanto, the USDA, and the FDA have worked together to add rBGH, bovine growth hormone -- widely implicated in making cows sick and increasing cancer risk, to consumer's milk.

Now Monsanto and other bio-tech companies want to genetically engineer the entire global food supply. Can we trust these companies with the food supply?

The bio-tech food companies have now genetically engineered not only potatoes, but also tomatoes, corn, soy squash, canola, cotton seed oil, and milk. The bio-tech industry claims that these practices come as a normal, natural extension of time-tested reproductive crossbreeding and hybridization techniques. In reality, this is a new, technology. Dr. Frankenfood would be well pleased.

Distributors export these mutant foods all over the world. A global crisis now exists because many other governments have implicit trust in the U.S. government and its decision to promote these foods. They have made global consumers out to be experimental animals, guinea pigs. Although this is a serious crisis, we can stop the proliferation of these Frankenfoods now.

WHAT CAN I DO?

1. Learn all you can about the dangers of genetically engineered foods.

2. Learn how to shop to avoid these foods. Boycott companies using these foods.

3. Tell all your friends, family and loved ones about this prob-

lem, both on-line and off-line. Your job is not done until they change their eating habits and they teach their loved one's to do the same.

4. Start or join consumer groups to label and ban genetically engineered food.

5. Send letters to your political leaders and representatives.

6. Write and send letters to the media, writers, editors, networkers.

7. Forward this communication to influential people all over the world.

8. Copy and distribute this newsletter to friends.

9. And most of all, don't take our word for it seek out the information for yourself.

HAVE YOU BEEN SHOPPING LATELY?

How to shop to AVOID genetically engineered foods. These companies use genetically engineered ingredients in some or all of their products:

Coca Cola (Corn Syrup and/or Aspartame)

Fritos (corn)

Green Giant Harvest Burgers (soy)

McDonald's French Fries (potatoes)

Nestle's chocolates (soy)

Karo Corn Syrup (corn)

NutraSweet (Aspartame)

Kraft Salad Dressings (canola oil)

Fleishmann's margarine (soy)

Similac infant formula (soy)

Land O Lakes Butter

(rBGH)

Cabot Creamery Butter (rBGH)

The food industry is now into widespread usage of genetically manufactured food. You are probably unaware of this. You WILL NOT see this in the mainstream media or press. This is not

public knowledge, but is being implemented before your very eyes and without your approval. You do not even have the opportunity to CHOOSE since the products are not required to be labeled. We are indeed entering a period of woes to the earth. The tribulation is NOW. It is upon us.

As of the beginning of 1997 these products will have been genetically engineered and on the market as a percentage of the total conventional market, there is no way to tell specifically which tomatoes, potatoes, corn, etc. have been actually genetically engineered. **[C.I.A. recommendation: By your own seeds now and prepare your garden.]** I predict that vegetable seeds will either be in short supply or taken off the market entirely. This prohibits the knowledgeable citizen from growing their own food and will eliminate any boycott cottage industries competing against the genetically engineered food products. **BUY NOW!**

Get to know a farmer who raises livestock organically without hormones or feed additives. Most livestock are being fed genetically altered feed now. The only safe beef and poultry will be those fed only organically grown grain. Avoid commercially produced seafood. Commercial pork has been genetically altered with DNA from HUMAN BEINGS. Great time to decide to be a vegetarian.

.....And the angel poured out he sixth vial upon the earth.....

Soon the USDA (United States Dept. of Agriculture) will publish its new proposals and decisions on organic standards, and any changes to the organic standards that they wish to make in the U.S. The USDA now are attempting to lower organic stan-

dards relative to the rest of the world, and to allow genetically altered foods into the organic market as a new category known as "synthetic organic". As of this moment in time (January 1997) certified organically grown or produced foods are safe to eat. But if the USDA has their way a new lower standard would exist. (Do you have your garden planted yet?)

Frank Ford, in his book, The Coming Food Crisis, says that events are pointing to a food crises of unbelievable proportions. With genetic engineering of the food supply, only a relatively small part of the total food supply can be known to be safe. Since 95% of the food supply contains conventional corn or soy, the rules of supply and demand show that there could possibly be a shortage of safe food over the next several years. You may consider taking advice from Frank Ford's book. He advises stocking up on organic or safe conventional dry foods that are low in oil content--wheat, beans, lentils, grains, dried fruits. If possible, stock enough for your self, your family and if possible your friends to live comfortably for two or three years. Create local food co-ops so you can pool resources and make large bulk orders, saving everyone money.

Start spreading the word about genetically engineered foods.

Copy this newsletter and pass it around. If you want more information about the types of genetic engineering going on in specific food groups send \$3.00 for our special report. You may be surprised at the level of engineered DNA used in food is from bacteria, insect, and virus DNA!! Are you still hungry?

Soybean oil has genetically altered protein in it

Proponents of Gene food of-

ten claim that for instance soybean oil does not contain any proteins and therefore it does not matter from which plant it is derived, from herbicide resistant soybeans or from usual soybeans. Now processed foods are never purified in such a way that one can be 100% sure that there are no proteins left.

According to Dr. Barbara Weber (Okoe-Institute-Freiburg) who refers to padgett et al. Journal of Nutrition, 126, 702 (1996) even in purified soy oil still 0.5 micro g/g proteins are contained. So even purified soy oil can contain transgene proteins.

In Germany there is company HYDROTOX who specializes on the analysis of foods and they have absolutely no problems to find transgenes even in cakes or cookies derived from soy flour.

Also in lecithin, which e.g. is used in ice cream or cacao drinks, they can find the transgenes in 50% of all cases. Why the method works not in 100% of all cases is not yet clear but this however shows that "transgene" lecithin and usual lecithin is not equivalent! So all scientific facts confirm that foods derived from transgene plants and natural plants differ....

Also you should not forget that most of the crops are engineered to allow for heavier use of herbicides. So in these engineered foods you will find more Glyphosate (Roundup) or Glyphosinate (BASTA) products which again poses serious health risks not present in natural foods.

According to Greenpeace and others Monsanto did all its safety tests of the "Roundup Ready Soybean" with soybeans that were not treated with the herbicide "Roundup"

Combat Medicine

What to Pack for Those Pesky Emergencies

(subtitled: *Oops! I forgot the electric can opener!*)

Probably the most potentially lethal mistakes any of us can make is when we are outfitting for a worst-case scenario. Often we tend to disregard the possibilities and go for the BIG PICTURE. Our 4WD diesel pickup is crammed with shovels, axes, stoves, picks, tents, radios, 10,000 rounds of 50 cal. ammo, food, clothing, and enough medical gear to supply the Mayo Clinic. Oh and lest we forget, our Captain Sparky Ultrasonic Decoder Ring is safely packed too. All this and more to get to our first cache site located 40 miles yonder.

Come the emergency, NO TRUCK! The newspaperhuman stole it. Uh, the IRS decided they needed it. Could have been the maid boosted the hubcaps with tires attached.

Or...maybe...just maybe, we have only three (3) minutes before some folks dressed like Darth Vader decide to run a tank through our house. How do we/you plan for that?

Begin with your clothes. Clothes with lots of pockets!

Blue jeans, a warm shirt, a jacket or coat, and a good pair of boots will do for starters. DON'T wear a cammo uniform -- it attracts snipers.

WHAT TO CARRY:

You may not have time to drag your 150 pound pack along so pre-pack your pockets with the simple things in life. Survival Food, a Compact Shelter, Fire, Medical and if you are of a mind, an iddy-biddy gun (in your pocket for fun).

1) Food

a. Survival Bars are nutritious,

but taste like sweetened sawdust. Looks like it too.

b. Survival Tabs are best. In fact, you can carry enough food for two weeks of nourishment in as little space as a one quart baggy.

c. If you have enough room, pack a couple of the main courses from MREs. Beef Stew is great. However, if you choose the Tuna Yuk, it will be a constant reminder that Navy chow wasn't all that bad.

d. Water is very important -- especially to wash down the Tuna Yuk -- but a canteen is bulky. Some supply houses carry flat, foil pouches of good clean water.

2. Shelter

a) A poncho is best, however, it is a bit awkward. Stash one 40 miles yonder.

b) The space-blanket which is laminated (silver on one side, O.D. green on the other) is just the thing.

c) A silver space-blanket works well and takes up very little space. Unfortunately, if you have to use it you will be rather conspicuous.

3. Fire and Heat

a) Chemical heat-pouches come in a variety of sizes. They work well and will save your life, but not if you let their efficiency date expire.

b) Lighter Fluid warmers are very good and are reusable.

c) A butane lighter is a must. It provides light, heat and flame. The butane will do other spiffy jobs too, but M.C. thinks it is against the law to tell you such things. Carry more than one.

d) Since you will eventually have to start a fire in the rain, there are several methods from which to choose. Carry a baggy filled with cotton balls rubbed in Vaseline. These ignite easily and burn long--they will even start a

camp fire in the rain. Try it.

e) Magnesium fire starters work well--once you get the routine down pat. Sort of like eating Tuna Yuk.

f) Boat matches, candles, binary chemicals, gun powder, flint-and-steel, and a whole host of other goodies can be utilized to start a fire. Even rubbing sticks together will work if they are kitchen matches.

4) Medical

a) Dressings: Band-Aids, roller gauze, 4"x4" gauze, skin tape, 2 or more battle-dressings and a triangular bandage should be basic enough.

b) Medications: Pack some triple antibiotic ointment, insect repellent, Aloe cream, aspirin and/or Tylenol, *personal medications* and, Tums -- for the Tuna Yuk.

c) Medical gear: Since you have a duplicate medical bag stashed yonder, you will only need a flashlight, needle and thread or 4/0 silk suture. For the very best compact medical instruments, carry a multi-tool on your belt. Multi-tools should have a needle nose plier, a sharp knife blade, a saw blade, and if it has a pair of tweezers. . . that's a plus.

5) Iddy Biddy Gun -- (in your pocket for fun)

Your choice. Don't forget the ammo.

Okay, right now you *might* be thinking that M.C. forgot to mention this-or-that about, food, fire, shelter and medical. Well, we didn't mention lots of things. This article was meant to be a "guideline" only. If you need more information, write or call:

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Note: Next issue of Taking Aim we will list the contents of what should be in your Combat Medicine bag. Then we will discuss the forbidden subject of Pharmacy. In particular we will talk about antibiotics and pain killers. M.C.

Sic Semper Paratus

FOOD SUPPLY UPDATE:

March 3, 1997

CAN SCIENCE SAVE US FROM STARVATION?

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On February 24 and 25 in Washington DC, the United States Department of Agriculture held the 1997 World Agriculture Outlook Forum. The theme of the conference, "Charting a New Course", spotlighted the dramatic changes occurring in food production and distribution here and around the world. I attended this conference, spoke and listened to many of the brightest minds in the business, and brought back reams of information representing the current thinking of those who research, regulate, influence, and implement the production of food. What they think, believe and do directly and indirectly impacts present and future food supplies - ours and the rest of the world's.

Beginning with this Food Supply Update, and until this season's planting and market activities demand daily attention, I will present some of the important food issues, opinions and ideas addressed at Forum '97 and offer some personal insight as well. It is my hope that this effort will increase both awareness of our growing vulnerability to potential food supply crises and dialogue surrounding global food security.

The Director General of the

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Per Pinstrup-Andersen, presented a paper entitled, "The Role of Research in the Outlook for World Hunger."

"Modern science offers humankind a powerful instrument to assure food security for all without degrading the environment," he began. Since the early 1960s, food availability per person has increased nearly 20 percent and 1.5 billion additional people are being fed in developing countries. Modern science has transformed agriculture by increasing crop yields, thus sparing millions of hectares of forest and marginal lands that would have been converted to farm lands in an attempt to produce more food.

Despite this successful application of science to the production of food he cites:

- * Over 800 million people live in uncertainty of their next full meal
- * 185 million preschool children suffer compromised mental and physical development because of malnutrition
- * About 80 million people are expected to be added to the global population every year for the next 25 years
- * Global demand for grain is projected to increase 55 percent between 1990 and 2020; for livestock products, 75 percent; for roots and tubers, 50 percent.

"Existing technology and knowledge will not permit production of the food needed to assure a food-secure world in the years to come. There are no grounds to assume that yield increases can and will continue to grow at the same rates as in the past," he warned.

He calls for the mobilization of national and international agricultural research to develop new technologies and knowledge, and for the strengthening of extension

systems to disseminate new information as it is developed. Citing declining, low or variable crop yields in less optimal growing areas, Pinstруп-Andersen stressed the need for accelerated research to develop more drought tolerant crops and those adapted to broader ecological settings.

While research has supported dramatic yield increases in more favorable growing areas like the United States, these yields are also leveling off as crop plants have reached biological limits of production despite the addition of more water, fertilizer, herbicides and pesticides. Misuse and overuse of these inputs has led to environmental degradation and the depletion of water supplies.

Ways to better use diminishing or marginal natural resources in the effort to produce more food must also be sought, the Director General said. The reduction of soil erosion, more effective capture and use of moisture in soil, recycling of organic plant nutrients, and the integration of livestock and trees into cropping systems are all needed.

Modern biotechnology, coupled with traditional plant breeding methods, offers the greatest potential for increasing crop yields and productivity, he believes. Yet, he notes that little research in biotechnology research is done in the developed, industrialized countries and for temperate climates. He appealed for the collaboration of private and public entities from industrialized countries with international research programs to address the urgent need for modern help in developing countries.

He closed his speech with the following:

"In a world where the consequence of inaction is death for thousands of children daily and persisting hunger for millions of

people, we cannot afford to be philosophical or elitist about any possible solution, including agricultural biotechnology. Modern science by itself will not assure food for all, but without it the goal of food security for all cannot be achieved."

Commentary

Pinstруп-Andersen is correct in calling for the global mobilization of scientific research to develop new knowledge and technologies that have the potential for increasing crop yields. In fact, at one point in his presentation, he left his prepared speech for a moment and commented to his audience that "...we must insert some urgency into the need for research." He is correct on this count as well. The reality of having our most productive food crop varieties are leveling off or even declining, demand an attitude of urgency.

Yet, this Food Policy Research Institute leader recognizes that scientific research alone will not stave off starvation for millions in the future. Though he opened his talk with the assertion that science offers a means to "...assure food security for all...", he closes with the acknowledgment that "Modern science by itself will not assure food for all...." The latter is accurate. Science represents "a" means by which we can improve the odds that we will be able to feed ourselves, but it is not "the" means by which we will save the world from increasingly widespread famines.

In addition to accelerating research in agricultural biotechnology, we have to study and optimize the use of existing agricultural land, especially in marginal growing areas and developing countries. We must maximize the benefits while minimizing the environmental impact of agricultural inputs such as irrigation

water, pesticides and herbicides. We need to maximize the return of organic materials to depleted agricultural soils and minimize erosion. His is a much needed global view of the challenge of feeding ever greater numbers of humans on a planet with finite resources and deteriorating environments. His is a view of how global agricultural systems must evolve to provide food for the billions of individuals dependent on them.

Evolve is the key word here. The kind of effort it will take to increase the world's food production in synch with growing global population will require unprecedented public and private collaboration and cooperation. It will not happen tomorrow. Given the current realities of national and international politics and the disincentive for private investment in unstable, developing countries and potential competitors, I do not expect a timely agricultural revolution. Rather, I expect an evolution of the realization that the food needs of people on one side of the globe are inextricably linked to those on the other -- the realization that the agricultural and environmental activities of one country eventually impact all others. It is simply biology and in everyone's best interest to care and collaborate. Until then, it will be largely business as usual - a global agricultural market driven by weather, supply, demand and competition. "Them that has" can pay for the products, "them that don't" cannot. Patch and repair the holes in the "boat" when they appear, or learn to ignore them on the evening news.

As this year's 80 million new mouths cry to be fed, it would be wise to learn something about raising our own food and even to become as food self-sufficient as possible. Pockets of food produc-

tivity tucked here and there among the world's cities and suburbs will not only serve to feed when unexpected shortages or outright crop or delivery failures occur, but to teach our children and others how to feed themselves if the necessity arises. If nothing else, it serves to remind all of us that plentiful food is not a given Geri Guidetti, The Ark Institute.

GOA "URGENT" FEDERAL ALERT BILL FOR FULL REPEAL OF LAUTEN- BERG GUN BAN

Rep. Chenoweth to Introduce Full Repeal of Lautenberg Gun Ban -- Ask your Rep. immediately to co-sponsor bill!

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(Wednesday, March 5) -- Rep. Helen Chenoweth is going to introduce a full repeal of the Lautenberg gun ban either late today or sometime tomorrow. As you know, this ban disarms millions of citizens for having committed minor offenses and prevents them from owning guns for life.

Gun Owners of America vigorously opposed the Lautenberg ban last year as it represents one of the worst gun control laws passed in decades. After the ban passed, the New York Times hailed the gun ban as "progress on gun control." And more recently, the Wall Street Journal has confirmed that the problems which GOA warned about are now in fact occurring. According to the December 23, 1996 article in the Wall Street Journal, the gun ban

is now:

- *Disarming many policemen across the country;
- * Disarming men and women for domestic disputes that occurred even 20 years ago; and is
- * Threatening to disarm any parent who has been convicted for simply spanking their children.

While there are other bills to "tweak" the Lautenberg ban, only Rep. Chenoweth's bill will completely repeal the ban from the federal code. The Barr compromise (H.R. 26) would only repeal the retroactive portion of the ban - thus leaving the ban in the federal code for the future. The Stupak bill (H.R. 445) would only exempt the police, thus leaving the common people under the effect of the gun ban.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

Call your Representative right away and urge him or her to become an original cosponsor of Helen Chenoweth's bill. The deadline for original cosponsorship will be late today or sometime tomorrow. If your representative is unfamiliar with her proposal, they can call her office for more information. Call your Representative at 202-225-3121. Or you can also reach them at 1-800-962-3524 or 1-800-972-3524, but be prepared to let the phone ring a few times.

NOTE: Rep. Chenoweth's bill still does not have a number. Your Representative can get a copy from either her office, or by calling GOA at 703-321-8585.

IMPEACHMENT IN- QUIRY BEGINS

President Clinton's shenanigans may have finally caught up with him. Congressman Bob Barr (GA) has written a three-page letter to the Chairman of the

House Judiciary Committee to begin an impeachment inquiry of President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore because of accusations that the Clinton/Gore campaign scandal with China and other Indonesian countries has compromised national-security interests and corrupted the country's foreign-policy decisions.

Committee Chairman Henry Hyde (IL) will respond within a few weeks.

Barr is basing his letter on the precedents that were set over 25-years-ago in the matter of President Nixon.

"Those same theories were then, as they must be now, based on clear historical precedent, considered explicitly by our Founding Fathers, that alone among remedies to correct abuses of power or improper conduct by high public officials, stands impeachment," he said.

According to congressional sources, several House Members have contacted Mr. Barr and Mr. Hyde about the inquiry, and some have even begun to look into the 1974 Watergate report to determine if impeachment articles can be drawn up against Clinton and Gore.

The report included a review of Article II, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution, which says "treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors" are grounds for impeachment. The report concluded that high crimes and misdemeanors could include efforts to use the White House for improper purposes or personal gain.

On March 3, Gore admitted to soliciting money for the Clinton/Gore campaign last year from the White House -- he denied it was illegal. However, White House Counsel Abner J. Mikva sent a memo to Gore in 1995 telling him that fund-raising activities of any kind were prohib-

ited in government buildings and that "no fund-raising phone calls or mail may emanate from the White House or any other federal building."

On March 8, Clinton told reporters that he couldn't remember if he had made any similar phone calls for campaign cash from the White House. Barr has already taken the first steps to an informal impeachment inquiry. Last week, he asked the chief counsel to the Watergate committee in the Nixon impeachment inquiry to draw up possible articles of impeachment.

According to a Washington Times article appearing in the March 14-16 issue Jerome M. Zeifman, the Democrat's chief counsel on the House Judiciary Committee during the 1974 Nixon impeachment probe, was asked to begin a preliminary inquiry and to prepare articles listing possible crimes committed by the president and the vice president. When the Times attempted to question Mr. Zeifman he refused to comment. However,

when pressed, he would not deny that he was involved.

Impeachment proceedings against the president or vice president require an investigation by the Judiciary Committee and debate by the full House in order to bring an indictment, and then a trial in the Senate, where a two-thirds vote to convict is necessary. Mr. Zeifman has become a vocal administration critic. In a November interview with the Washington Times he stated that the Clinton administration's campaign-finance scandal was worse than Watergate "because the Democrats in my party are marching in lock step in support of a corrupt president." He said Mr. Clinton had "reactivated and exacerbated the cancer that became systemic in Watergate with respect to campaign financing.

To create an even larger twist to this tale, one of the lawyers assisting Zeifman in the Watergate impeachment inquiry was none other than Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Meetings

As you can see from our list on the next page we are extremely busy this year with meetings and Preparedness Expositions. We have just completed a tour of the west with stops in Payson, Utah, Las Vegas, Nevada, 5 days in the San Diego, CA area, Bakersfield, California and Carson City, Nevada. All of these events were well attended by enthusiastic patriots.

At the San Diego Expo there were more minorities present than any other Expo we have attended. Which tells us that our message is reaching out to those Americans whom the government and media are attempting to alienate.

On our way to and from these Expo's we will be holding meetings in towns on our travel route. Look at our schedule to see if there is a meeting near you. If not, and you would like us to stop and speak to your group, or to just try and wake up your community, call us and we will try to make arrangements to visit you.

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JOHN TROCHMANN SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

1) **April 7:** Ft. Collins, CO -- Colorado State University, Lory Student Center Theater; 7:00 pm, Call Duncan at: 970-204-5347 for more information; 2) **April 11, 12 & 13:** Preparedness Expo '97, Dallas, TX -- Big Town Expo Hall - Mesquite, Texas; 3) **April 14:** Texarkana, Texas -- Strange Family Blue Grass Park (George Thomas Rd. and FM 2516) -- 7:00 pm (**\$5.00**) Call Dan at: 903-793-7705 for more info.; 4) **May 16, 17 & 18:** Phoenix Preparedness Expo '97, Phoenix, AZ -- Arizona State Fairgrounds; 5) **June 13, 14 & 15:** Preparedness Expo '97, Orlando, FL -- Central Florida Fairgrounds - Orlando; 6) **August 8, 9 & 10:** Preparedness Expo '97, Portland, OR -- Portland Expo Center - Hall A; 7) **October 10, 11 & 12:** Preparedness Expo '97, Indianapolis, IN -- Indiana State Fairgrounds - Expo Hall; 8) **November 14, 15 & 16:** Preparedness Expo '97, Denver, CO -- The Denver Merchandise Mart

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